

From: voices@media-alliance.org
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 9:48 AM
Subject: Media Concentration: reply to public comments

Chairman Michael K. Powell:

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

I am writing to you today to reply to the public comments on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements.

The studies commissioned by the FCC are flawed and incomplete. By allowing our media outlets to merge print and broadcast facilities a greater restriction on the breadth of news and information available to citizens to act in the public interest will result.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

Thank you,

814 Mission St.
San Francisco, CA, 94103

From: W M Kirkpatrick
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 10:12 AM
Subject: FCC protect media independence

Dear Commissioner:

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From: wifponline@igc.org
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2003 10:42 AM
Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

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Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

Martha Allen
1940 Calvert St. NW
Washington, District of Columbia 20009-1502

cc:
Delegate Eleanor Norton

From: William Schoeneck
To: William Schoeneck
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 7:59 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Schumer
Senator Clinton
Representative Walsh
Message text follows:

William Schoeneck
406 Newcastle Rd.
Syracuse, **NY** 13219

January 24,2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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William Schoeneck

From: William Schoeneck
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Sincerely,

Windella Marion
160 Pine Grove Grive
So. Hadley, Massachusetts 01075-3200

cc:
Senator Edward Kennedy
Senator John Kerry
Representative Richard Neal

From: yankee@wt.net
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue. Jan 21, 2003 10:12 PM
Subject: Enough already!!! I oppose media concentration!

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I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In promoting its supposed goals of fair competition, diversity and local voice in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of the huge, dominant companies and players in the broadcast industry.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate, or even attempt to demonstrate, the negative effects that media deregulation and consolidation have had on the diversity of our media. While there may indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented has been severely limited.

The right to conduct an informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was renewed in the marketplace of diverse ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge and consolidate further, our ability to have an open, informed discussion from a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact.

Also, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February of 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public. The rarified, lawyerly atmosphere of an FCC rulemaking is not an appropriate decision-making venue when questions as profound as the freedom of our media are at stake. I encourage the Commissioners to come out and meet some of the people who do not have a financial interest in this issue, but a social interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these **issues** more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

Andrea Boydston

PO Box 573023
Houston, **TX.** 77257

From: yinglinl@msu.edu
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2003 6:29 AM
Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

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Sincerely, Charla Yingling 1201-D University Village
East Lansing MI 48823

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cc:
Senator Carl Levin
Representative Mike Rogers
Senator Debbie Stabenow

From: --alyssa --
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, Jan 18, 2003 6:31 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Back in the second world war, Italy's fascist government led by Benito Mussolini controlled all forms of media to mold the public into the type of citizens that the State needed. The media contained tons of fascist slogans and ideas to brainwash the public into believing whatever the government wanted them to believe. In this democratic society that we live in, I would like to think that we, the people, have the human right to express our own ideas and emotions and therefore I am opposed to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

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From: a a
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri. Jan 24, 2003 8:35 PM
Subject: Media Ownership

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing because I am concerned over the possible new implements that may come into play. I am strongly opposed to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules. I also think that it wasnt fair that this was not widely made known. I think the public has a right to know that this is taking place, but it wasnt known to many, even then it was hard to locate any information about it.

I do not think that it is fair to limit the possibilities of the media. I think that people should have the right to see different media sources that are reporting on what they think is important. It is always good in my opinion to get many different opinions. How can it help define our perspective If every thing is the same, repetitive, tight-knot information? instead of a variety of different information and perspectives?

Today I think that it is very important to celebrate our rights, and **so** many things seem to want to impose on our rights. The Constitution and especially the first amendment is what a lot of people wholly appreciate in todays society. Not through rebellion or anything of that kind, but to know that every voice out there counts and that their voice will not be ignored especially with todays important issues that are happening.

There has been a lot of conflicts and confrontations addressing this matter. People want to have their opinions and be able to say them without prosecution. That is even tied into the American Revolution if you think about it. The colonies wanted to be out from Great Britains control. They didnt want to be told how to run their lives. They wanted to be a free nation of individualists who could think for themselves and not be prosecuted. This is why its important that this not be imposed. We (as a nation) worked hard to achieve the rights and liberties we have today. We have the right to be able to have our opinions heard, because without this it would be more one-sided. To have people figure out what others want to hear is what the United States Democracy is against.

Sincerely yours,

Amber Allen

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Salt Lake City, Utah, 84115

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From: Albert Wilson
To: Albert Wilson
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 12:21 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Levin

Senator Stabenow

Representative Kilpatrick

Message text follows:

Albert Wilson
20 Knox
Ecorse, MI 48229

January 25, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

Albert Wilson

From: Allie Funk
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 4:09 AM
Subject: Congress demand FCC protect public media access

Dear Commissioner Powell:

Numerous reports agree that the Federal Communications is planning to loosen longstanding rules governing control of the media that bring news and views to the American public. This will inevitably lead to monopoly, by a few large corporate giants, of TV stations, newspapers, and broadcast networks.

I urge you, Commissioner Powell, to halt immediately any implementation of these these FCC plans that threaten public access to diverse views and information.

Sincerely,

Allie G Funk
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Creston, NC 28615

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From: Amanda Bigelow
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Jan 20, 2003 10:05 PM
Subject: FCC regulations

Michael K. Powell

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

Further concentration of media ownership does not serve our democratic society based upon democratic principles, but instead undermines it. Following World War II, our government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership because of how totalitarian regimes used controlled media concentrated in the hands of a few corporations and government agencies to control their people and move the world towards war. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our country's birth to the present.

Furthermore, the series of reports released by the FCC about the current media marketplace are focused almost entirely on the economic impact of relaxing the ownership rules. They ignore the public's interest in a diverse and independent press. You have also scheduled only one public hearing regarding this issue. The FCC has barely publicized the proposed changes, and combined with a very short public comment period I can only surmise that you hope to sneak these changes past the American people. I certainly didn't find out about them as a result of anything that was done by your agency.

You should be ashamed that an agency under your

leadership is not using what is in the best interests of the American public as its guiding principle, but instead is thinking of what is most profitable for a few huge corporations who only care about the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy.

Sincerely yours,

Amanda Bigelow
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Barberton, OH 44203

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From: Annette Tessier
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 4:01 AM
Subject: FCC don't allow media monopolies

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From: Arch Taylor
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2003 9:38 PM
Subject: Media ownership diversity

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my deep concern that fewer and fewer companies control more and more of commercial media outlets.

I strongly oppose any move toward making it possible for the six largest companies to increase their holdings and so dominate the market in any locality.

To have an informed citizenry as basis for true participatory democracy, we need to have greater diversity in the media to present wider spectrum of viewpoints and available information.

Please do not change the existing regulations to allow for more concentration of ownership. Instead, I urge you to move slowly but surely in the direction of allowing for a greater diversity and making it easier for smaller companies to participate.

Arch B. Taylor, Jr.
521 Zorne Ave H-10
Louisville KY 40206

From: arodygomez@hotmail.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu. Jan 23, 2003 8:12 PM
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Rudy Gomez
32125 St. Annes Dr.
Warren, Michigan 48092

cc:
Senator Carl Levin
Senator Debbie Stabenow
Representative Sander Levin

From: arthur laprise
To: arthur laprise
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 4:23 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

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Senator Snowe

Senator Collins

Representative Allen

Message text follows:

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January 24, 2003

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To: KathleenAbernathy
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Sincerely,

Arthur W. Shores Jr.
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To: Barbara Burgess
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 3:02 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

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Representative Bono

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Barbara Burgess
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Barbara J. Burgess

From: Barnaby Rockwell
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 9:52 AM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

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From: Barry Murray
To: Barry Murray
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 11:30 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

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Representative Bereuter
Message text follows:

Barry Murray
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So. Sioux City, NE 68776

January 25.2003

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Senator Hagel

Senator Nelson

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More troubling, it could possibly alter the ratio of programming to commercial air time within a given program time slot. Our children are already overly bombarded with advertisements - I am very concerned that ads will further displace program content should the rules be relaxed.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

Sally Shore
c/o Blonde & Brunette Productions
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Burbank, California 91506

cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer

From: Michael Traugot
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Jan 21, 2003 12:21 PM
Subject: FCC regs

Mr Chairman,

Please refrain from deregulating the media and airwaves in favor of more concentration in the industry.

It is unhealthy for the number of sources of information and entertainment to be so small in an open democracy, and your proposed changes will lessen that number.

The airwaves are part of the commons that belong to all Americans equally. They should be leased, not given or sold, to commercial news and entertainment media, and their use should be vigorously regulated so that WE THE PEOPLE retain the control and receive the benefits of our common heritage.

I believe it is accurate to say that many millions of Americans agree with me on this issue, and that many more would, and will, as they become aware of these issues. Please do your job for the people who ultimately employ you--namely, US--and protect our media from undue concentration, which has resulted already in a narrowing of content and choice for Americans.

Thank you very much

Sincerely,

Michael Traugot

From: michele nathan
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Jan 22,2003 9:11 PM
Subject: Stop corporation monopoly of media outlets.

Dear Mr. Powell:

The news today is almost unbearable to watch. On different channels, I can see the exact same story almost word for word. I'm dismayed to hear it will get even worse. There should be diversity in ownership of the media. Many voices should be delivering many different news stories. The internet is often a summary of the news. Corporations shouldn't be allowed to own **so** many media outlets. **No** wonder the world calls Americans ignorant. Michele & Dr. Michael Nathan
Winchester MA

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From: Mickey Zavi
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Jan 17, 2003 12:42 PM
Subject: deregulation

57 channels and nothing on, well you can blame Michael Powell. Or should we call him Michael Uncle Tom. Destroying diversity will not be tolerated. The protections must be increased not decreased. We need more diversity not less. You are a slap in the face of every black man that ever fought for the right to speak freely. I am ashamed that people like you can have office in this country. You are a detriment to your race. You are a sell out and we can all see it. No matter what financial bottom line you wave in front of the people, diversity is more important. We will abandon you and all of those conglomerated media sources for grassroots coverage because you support liars and yellow journalism. We will have the truth and you will be out of a job!

From: ndubus@bu.edu
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 12:02 **AM**
Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein,

I urge the FCC to consider the distinct needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in the development of children.

The relaxation of media ownership rules will result in significantly less original programming for children. Relaxation also will reduce competition, potentially stifling innovation and increasing commercialism in children's programming.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

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cc:
Senator Edward Kennedy
Senator John Kerry
Representative John Tierney

From: Nicole A Roux
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri. Jan 24, 2003 4:01 AM
Subject: FCC protect media independence

Dear Commissioner:

One of the basic elements which help to keep the American media at least partially free and independent is the set of FCC regulations restricting consolidation and monopolies.

In the 2002 Biennial Review, the FCC appears to be planning to roll back many of these protective regulations: the Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership Rule, the National Broadcast Ownership Cap, the Local Radio Ownership Rule, the Duopoly Rule and the Dual Network Rule.

Relaxation or abandonment of the preceding rules will result in the purchase of local and independent newspapers and radio and television stations by large media giants. The cost to the American People and Democracy will be far too high if local news, reportorial freedom and access to a true variety of legitimate views are further compromised.

Commissioner, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

Nicole A Roux